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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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SUBJECT : NIC Activity Report from 12-16 September 1983

I. DCI/DDCI-Assigned Tasks

NIO/Near East-South Asia prepared a special brief for the DCI on 18 September for an NSC meeting on Lebanon.

NIO/East Asia accompanied the DCI to an NSC meeting; together with DD/S&T and DO officers, briefed Secretary Weinberger prior to his China-Near East trip; and accompanied the Secretary on the Japan-China portion of the trip.

NIO/Economics and [] DI/OGI, are attending today's SIG-IEP meeting on export credits and guarantees, East-West economic relations, and the Export Administration Act.

II. Interagency Papers

The draft NIE on prospects for reducing heroin supplies to the US, and the draft Memorandum to Holders on the Horn of Africa were approved for consideration at the NFIB meeting scheduled for 27 September.

Work has begun on two fast-track SNIEs: intentions and capabilities of the key actors in the Lebanon crisis, and the threat to oil exports posed by the Iran-Iraq war. Both are targeted for completion in time for consideration at an NFIB meeting on/about 4 October.

III. Of Special Interest This Week

VC/NIC (C. Waterman) met with DOD Director of Net Assessments Andy Marshall; attended a Special Planning Group meeting chaired by Under Secretary of Defense Fred Ikle; and briefed a group of visiting NSA analysts about the NIC.

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[] of the NIC Analytic Group consulted with Mexico specialists at the NSC, State, and Treasury as drafter of the forthcoming NIE on De La Madrid's prospects. He also spoke to a DO [] class on "Fidel Castro: The Man."

NIO At Large (L. Gordon) was briefed by OGI analysts on current Arctic policy issues and interagency studies, attended a Mid-Atlantic Club presentation by Assistant Secretary of State Richard Burt on Atlantic Alliance Problems and Prospects, and met with State Department officials on recent developments in preparation for the 1984 ITU Conference on High Frequency Broadcasting.

NIO At Large (D. Low) together with a DI/ALA officer briefed an aide to Ambassador Stone on economic vulnerabilities of Nicaragua; attended a NIO/Economics-sponsored lunch with [] an economist with the [] and continued work on a second draft of the long-range intelligence planning scenario.

NIO/East Asia, together with a DI/OEA officer briefed Dr. Ikle on China's chemical warfare capability; and together with NIO/USSR-East Europe and DI officers, briefed the staff director of the HFAC Solarz subcommittee.

NIO/General Purpose Forces provided memos to the DCI on developments in Soviet SSBN operations and on the problem of retaining US-trained Salvadoran troops in their country's military service.

NIO/Latin America accompanied C/LAD/DO to an interagency meeting on Central America with Assistant Secretary of State Motley; prepared a paper on "Pressures on the Sandinista Directorate" for the DCI; met, together with VC/NIC, with US Ambassador Quainton (Nicaragua); together with DO and DI officers, prepared answers to questions asked by Senator Biden concerning our activities in Nicaragua; and attended a Council on Foreign Relations Discussion Group on Central America meeting in New York (the first of six such meetings on which individual papers are presented).

[] Assistant NIO/Narcotics attended a CIPC working group meeting on narcotics, along with DI officers, and briefed the President's Drug Abuse Police Officer concerning narcotics interdiction problems in the Bahamas and Colombia.

NIO/NESA held separate discussions with [] and US Ambassador Atherton (Egypt); attended an IG meeting on Egypt on 22 September; participated in Admiral Howe's policy working group on Lebanon on 20 and 22 September; saw former ambassador Michael Sterner, [] in Washington; talked with [] research chief; and chaired an interagency coordination meeting on the draft [] vulnerability assessment.

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NIO/Strategic Programs briefed [redacted] on the findings of NIE 11-3/8-82 regarding Soviet strategic defense (particularly ABM matters); briefed ACDA Director Adelman on Soviet ABM developments (another in the series of such briefings); together with C/ACIS, briefed the SSCI staff on Soviet ABM developments and ABM Treaty compliance issues; attended a steering group meeting of the Space Net Assessment study being done for the Secretary of Defense to submit to the NSC at the end of October; and attended an IG meeting chaired by Dr. DeLauer on the findings and recommendations of the Defense Technologies Study Team report on strategic defenses (in response to NSSD 6-83, the President's initiative on strategic defense). There will be a SIG (Defense Policy) meeting chaired by Deputy Secretary Thayer on 26 September to discuss the findings and recommendations of the technology and policy studies.

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NIO/USSR-EE met separately with [redacted] and [redacted] to discuss Soviet developments; gave an overview briefing on CIA to a visiting group of NSA analysts; and briefed the Agency's S&T Development Course on the NIC.

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NIO/Warning held discussions on 20 September with Dr. Richard Beal and Jim Lucas, NSC, on the ground rules for interaction with the NIC, warning implications in Continuity of Government activities, and future interactions between NSC and the Conference of Watch and Operations Centers.

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The new Director of the National SIGINT Operations Center, [redacted] visited NIO/W on 21 September. As principal NSA representative to the Warning Working Group, and the Conference of Operations and Watch Centers, [redacted] is particularly interested in many of the initiatives being undertaken by this office.

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NIO/W and members of the National Warning Staff discussed new initiatives in indicators analysis with [redacted] ORD, because of their seeming susceptibility to application of EXPERT systems technology. [redacted] is arranging further discussions with ORD technical personnel to enable us to scope a viable project in this area.

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[REDACTED]

NIO/W acquired background materials from NSA and the Navy for the DCI's forthcoming trip [REDACTED]

NIO/Western Europe met with [REDACTED] research director on 21 September to discuss [REDACTED] the European area; lunched with US Ambassador Strausz-Hupe, and, accompanied by a DI officer, met with Richard Hass, State's Cyprus Coordinator, to discuss a prospective NIE on Cyprus.

IV. Future Activities

(Nothing of special interest to report at this time).

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